

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Mission Statement for Houston Parks and Recreation Department is “to enhance the quality of urban life by providing secure well-maintained parks and affordable programs for the community.” This mission is accomplished through the maintenance, operation and expansion of the Houston Park System. Consequently, the Department’s overall strategy for capital improvements and the use of all available funding, including bond funds, is to improve the quality of life for individual neighborhoods and the city at large.

The Department is upgrading existing parks, developing unique systems of natural waterways into a linear park system, developing and expanding existing park properties, and adding new community centers.

The FY2006-2010 Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Program totals \$96.1 million and is funded by several funding sources. The significant funding sources include: \$35.4 million in authorized available bond funds; \$8.3 million in grant funds; \$29.8 million in resources leveraged from other agencies and/or private contributions. This five-year program continues Phase I of the Master Plan to meet the following goals:

- Continue construction on the first group of parks that are scheduled for improvements;
- Address 16 recreation centers;
- Address 13 swimming facilities;
- Fund flagship park improvements;
- Continue partnership funding with the Houston Parks Board to leverage bond funds;
- Update the Master Plan in FY2007

PARKS MASTER PLAN SUMMARY

I. Introduction

Completed in 2001, the Master Plan promotes redevelopment and expansion of the park system. Specifically, the focus was on the required funding and the prioritization for projects that should occur over 10-15 years.

II. Overview of the Plan Development Process

- Categorize parks by pocket, neighborhood, community, regional and metro; inventory existing City, County, and Private Facilities; establish criteria for identifying needs (demand based, standard based, and resource based); and identify gaps in the parks, facilities and services.
- Public Process – Public meetings were held in every city council district. Additionally, surveys and questionnaires were utilized. The objective was to involve the community in establishing priorities regarding renovations, land acquisitions, new park development, and construction of specific facilities – swimming pools, community centers, and/or maintenance facilities.
- Adoption by City Council was achieved on October 3, 2001.

III. Master Plan Findings

- 79 new land acquisitions with an additional 20 expansions;
- Continued implementation of the Parks-to-Standard (PTS) program;
- Continued expansion of the linear park system along our bayous;
- 68 Community, 16 Regional, and 9 Metro sized parks to accommodate sports fields;
- Addition of 10 new recreation centers; and
- Relocation of certain park maintenance facilities

2006-2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

CITY OF HOUSTON

SOURCE OF FUNDS SUMMARY (\$THOUSANDS)									
Source of Funds	Appropriations through Dec. 31, 2004	Estimated Appropriations Jan. 1 - June 30 2005	Fiscal Year Planned Appropriations					Total	Total
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2006-2010	
Harris County Flood Control			845					845	845
Federal Grants			417					417	417
H.E.B. Food Stores			250	250	250	100		850	850
The Houston Parks Board, Inc.		1,665	6,000	6,000	6,000	4,335		22,335	24,000
Private Funds		935	800					800	1,735
C&E Construction Fund			66					66	66
Sale Surplus Property			4,000					4,000	4,000
TxDOT Funds				2,000				2,000	2,000
Park Cons. Const. Fund	2,226	7,903	15,476	9,071	8,703	2,162		35,412	45,541
General Imp. Cons. Const. Fund		778						0	778
Texas Dept of Parks & Wildlife		1,310	2,364					2,364	3,674
Community Development Blk Grant		1,348	3,560					3,560	4,908
Proposed Private Funds				1,000				1,000	1,000
Undetermined Funding						9,214	13,245	22,459	22,459
Total	2,226	13,939	33,778	18,321	14,953	15,811	13,245	96,108	112,273

Parks Department Facilities
FY2006 - 2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
(\$THOUSANDS)

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F-0244	N/A	NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS			100 C			100C
F-0268	ALL	HERMANN PARK PLAYGROUND FOR ALL CHILDREN - PARKING				150 C		150C
F-0504A1	A	PARKS MASTER PLAN - AGNES MOFFIT PARK			353 C			353C
F-0504A11	D	PARKS MASTER PLAN - MACGREGOR PARK	1,232 C					1,232C
F-0504A15	E	PARKS MASTER PLAN - SAGEMONT PARK	977 C					977C
F-0504A17	G	PARKS MASTER PLAN - MEMORIAL PARK		1,628 C				1,628C
F-0504A4	B	PARKS MASTER PLAN - HOBART TAYLOR PARK			1,221 C			1,221C
F-0504A5	B	PARKS MASTER PLAN - TIDWELL PARK	1,221 C					1,221C
F-0504A6	B	PARKS MASTER PLAN - KEITH WIESS PARK	1,275 C	584 C				1,859C
F-0504A7	C	PARKS MASTER PLAN - GODWIN PARK		977 C				977C
F-0504B1	A	PARKS MASTER PLAN - T.C. JESTER PARK			1,200 C			1,200C
F-0504B10	F	PARKS MASTER PLAN - BOONE ROAD PARK	800 C					800C

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F-0504B11	G	PARKS MASTER PLAN - GRADY PARK	350 C					350C
F-0504B15	I	PARKS MASTER PLAN - REVEILLE PARK	1,770 DC					1,770DC
F-0504B16	G	PARKS MASTER PLAN - BRIAR BEND PARK	112 C					112C
F-0504B17	G	PARKS MASTER PLAN - BENDWOOD PARK	150 C					150C
F-0504B20	H	MASON PARK	396 C					396C
F-0504B21	G	MEMORIAL WEST POCKET PARK		150 C				150C
F-0504B4	B	PARKS MASTER PLAN - STUEBNER AIRLINE PARK			1,600 C			1,600C
F-0504B7	E	PARKS MASTER PLAN - BLACK HAWK PARK	1,505 C					1,505C
F-0504C10	G	PARKS MASTER PLAN - TANGLEWILDE PARK	252 C					252C
F-0504C12	D	PARKS MASTER PLAN - TOWNWOOD PARK	4,295 C					4,295C
F-0504C13	E	PARKS MASTER PLAN - KINGWOOD PARK	1,694 C					1,694C
F-0504C14	F	PARKS MASTER PLAN - BRAEBURN GLEN PARK			477 C			477C

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F-0504C2	A	PARKS MASTER PLAN - VAR. PARK IMPROV. (Schwartz Park, Shephard Park, Cole Creek & Carverdale Park)	188 C	1,000 C				1,188C
F-0504C3	A	PARKS MASTER PLAN - FREED PARK	264 C					264C
F-0504C4	A	PARKS MASTER PLAN - HADEN PARK	470 C					470C
F-0504C6	B	PARKS MASTER PLAN - SCENIC WOODS PARK	477 C					477C
F-0504C7	C	PARKS MASTER PLAN - REEVES (GAIL) PARK	477 C					477C
F-0504C8	C	PARKS MASTER PLAN - MEYERLAND PARK	477 C					477C
F-0504D	VAR	PARKS MASTER PLAN - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	200 O	531 O	794 O	2,012 O		3,537O
F-0504D1	VAR	PARKS MASTER PLAN - GRAGG PARK - HPARD CAMPUS	630 D	3,164 CO				3,794DCO
F-0504D2	H	PARKS MASTER PLAN - TONY MARRON PARK	100 C					100C
F-0508	D	HERMANN PARK	335 C		2,400 C			2,735C
F-0509	ALL	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	718 O	537 O	14 O			1,269O

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F-0513	VAR	ACQUISITION	1,000 A	6,000 A	6,000 A	4,335 A		17,335A
F-0515	ALL	THE HILL AT SIMS GREENWAY	389 D					389D
F-0516	Various	WATER PLAYGROUNDS	250 C	250 C	250 C	100 C		850C
F-0520	All	MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - PHASE II				8,714 C	12,745 C	21,459C
F-0525	D	HERMANN GREENWAY	1,000 C					1,000C
F-0530	A	WEST 11TH STREET	9,000 A					9,000A
F-0540	H	GUADALUPE PLAZA	121 C					121C
F-0550	D	HERMANN PARK - TRAILS IMPROVEMENTS	500 D	2,000 C				2,500DC
F-0556	I	CHARLTON PARK	100 C					100C
F-0560	D	DOWNTOWN SKATE PARK	116 D	1,000 C				1,116DC
F-0575	D	WHARTON BALLFIELD DEVELOPMENT	400 C					400C
F-SAL	All	SALARY RECOVERY	537 O	500 O	544 O	500 O	500 O	2,581O

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